Please find below, Utah State Parks news for February 3:

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CAMPFLOYD STATE PARKTO HOST 19th CENTURY VALENTINE DANCE

Fairfield-- Take a step back in time to the 19th century with a social gathering at Camp Floyd State Park and Museum Friday, February 13 from 6 to 10 p.m. Held in the historic Fairfield Schoolhouse, participants learn 19th century dances including Duke of Kent's Waltz and Oak Hill Quickstep.

Registration is required and the cost is \$20 per couple. This popular event is limited to 15 couples. Period attire is encouraged, but not required and refreshments will be served.

CampFloyd State Park is located in the town of Fairfield, 22 miles southwest of Lehi on State Highway 73. For more information or to register, please contact the park at (801) 768-8932.

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VOLUNTEERS NEEDED AT ANTELOPE ISLAND STATE PARK

Syracuse-- Antelope Island State Park staff needs talented people to volunteer at the historic Fielding Garr Ranch. Volunteers are needed to demonstrate unique crafts including adobe brick making, blacksmithing, basket making, and candle dipping. If you would like to share your time and talent, please contact Clay Shelley at (801) 649-5742 or clayshelley@utah.gov.

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UTAH STATE PARKS SNOWMOBILE GROOMING REPORT

Please find below, current grooming conditions as of February 3. Utah State Parks encourages all riders to carry appropriate avalanche gear and get an avalanche advisory at 1-800-OHV-RIDE or utahavalanchecenter.org

BEAR RIVER SERVICE/ WHITNEY - No new report

BEARLAKE/ LOGAN CANYON- Sinks, Amazon, Beaver Creek, Franklin Basin, Tony Grove, Garden City, Temple, Swan Flat

HARDWARE RANCH - Hardware Ranch, Danish Dugway, the Gorge, Strawberry, Elk Guard Station, Mill Hollow, Hell's Hollow

MONTE CRISTO - Ant Flat, Highway 39, Curtis Creek Loop, Arbs Basin, Wasatch Ridge

WASATCH - Alpine Loop, Snake Creek Canyon, Soldier Hollow

MIRROR LAKE/MILL HOLLOW – North Fork Trail, Soapstone Basin Road, Highway 35 from Nobletts to Hanna Trailhead, Wolf Creek Summit, Mill Hollow to Lake Creek Summit, Mirror Lake Highway, Soapstone to Nobblets, Highway 150 to warming hut, Highway 35

STRAWBERRY - No new report. NOTE: Sheep Creek is private property; day-use fee required

SCOFIELD COMPLEX - Fairview Trailhead, Fish Creek Ridge, Miller's Flat, White River, Joe's Valley, Pondtown

EPHRAIM - Snowcat under repair

MT.NEBO- Snowcat under repair

FISHLAKE- Snowcat under repair

CEDARMOUNTAIN- Cedar Breaks, Brian Head, Lava Beds, Strawberry Point

UINTAHBASIN- No new report

Utah State Parks is the state off-highway vehicle authority, providing access, education, and search and rescue on Utah's trails.

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UPCOMING UTAH STATE PARKS EVENTS

February 14 Wasatch Mountain State Park - Midway

Nature Crafts: Join park staff at 10 a.m. in the visitor center to create homemade bird feeders. Learn about backyard birds and ways to attract them to your yard. Bring empty milk jugs, egg cartons, or soda bottles. (435) 654-1791

February 14 Jordanelle State Park - Heber

International Year of Astronomy: Join park staff from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. for a look at spectacular views of the spiral galaxy Messier 101 obtained by the Hubble Space Telescope, Spitzer Space Telescope, and Chandra X-ray Observatory. There will be hands-on astronomy activities for the entire family! Before your visit, go online and find great information and an exciting video at www.astronomy2009.org. For more information, call (435) 649-9540 or (435) 782-3030.

February 16 Antelope Island State Park - Syracuse

Animals in Winter: During the long winter months, animals must learn to adapt to harsh conditions to survive. Join the park naturalist and learn more about these adaptations. Participants should meet at the visitor center at 1 p.m. (801) 721-9569

February 12 Utah Lake State Park - Provo

Weather Forecasting: Join Meteorologist Kevin Barjenbruch at 7 p.m. in the conference room for a discussion on sudden storms and weather information. Get valuable information you should know when planning a day on the water. (801) 375-0731

February 19 Utah Lake State Park - Provo

Identifying the Birds of Utah Lake: Join bird specialist Merrill Webb for a discussion on how to identify the birds living and migrating through Utah Lake. Meet at the conference room at 7 p.m. (801) 375-0731

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